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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, PO, CA
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 163429, OTTAWA 6120, LISBON 5432

1. MOLGAT, DIRECTOR OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DIVISION,
EXTAFF, CALLED DCM JULY 19 UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REPORT
CURRENT STATE OF PLAY RE CANADIAN DECISION ON ASSISTANCE
TO PORTUGAL. POINTS MADE BY MOLGAT WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GOC HAS DEFINITELY DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
MULTILATERAL EFFORT TO ASSIST PORTUGAL.

B. THE MODALITIES OF CANADIAN PARTICIPATION REMAIN TO
BE WORKED OUT; GOC WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH PORTUGUESE
AUTHORITIES ON THIS POINT AT A LATER DATE.

C. GOC WILL MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS DECISION
WITHIN A FEW DAYS, PERHAPS LATER THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT
WEEK.

D. AT THIS STAGE GOC IS INFORMING ONLY PORTUGUESE AND
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U.S. AUTHORITIES AND ASKS THAT WE NOT REPEAT NOT INFORM
OTHER GOVERNMENTS UNTIL CANADA HAS MADE ITS OWN PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT.

E. GOC PARTICIPATION WILL BE IN AN AMOUNT ON THE ORDER OF
DOLS 15 MILLIDN.

F. GOC ASKS THAT WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT COMMUNICATE THIS AMOUNT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

G. THE CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION IS CONTINGENT UPON A CONFIRMED CONTRIBUTION BY THE U.S. GOC WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS OF THE MODALITIES WITH PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES UNTIL AFTER THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS COMPLETED BOTH THE AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION PROCESSES.

H. MINDFUL OF U.S. AND PORTUGUESE CONCERN ABOUT THE "EMULATION EFFECT" OF A POSSIBLE TIED LOAN OR GRANT, GOC BELIEVES IT BEST NOT REPEAT NOT TO DISCUSS FURTHER AT THIS TIME THE NATURE OF ITS CONTRIBUTION, WHICH IN ANY CASE HAS YET TO BE DEFINITELY DETERMINED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY DCM, MOLGAT SAID FINAL POINT ABOVE DOES NOT PRECLUDE A DOLS 15 MILLION GRANT OF WHEAT.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE THIS ELABORATE FORMALISM, WE EXPECT GOC WILL COME THROUGH WITH WHEAT GRANT AS THEY HAVE HINTED WOULD BE THEIR PREFERENCE ALL ALONG. ENDERS

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